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Sir:

An extension of time, through and including March 9, 2008, is being authorized with the electronic filing of this paper.

In response to the written election requirement dated January 8, 2008, the applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, the following species as follows:

- 1) the applicants provisionally elect the disorder of skin aging; and
- 2) cremes as the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

The applicants appreciate that this election of species has been required for the purposes of facilitating the search and expediting prosecution. Accordingly, the applicants respectfully submit that, upon an indication of allowable subject matter, the scope of the claims should not be limited to the elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

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